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Republicans may well congratulate themselves on the strength to which the Democracy seems reduced when it suddenly conveys a nomination like this. It is the first sign of conscious weakness that has yet appeared. After having ignored Thurman in making up his cabinet and the list of foreign ministers, Mr. Eliam, or I, should

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